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The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE	Rancho Adobe Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	T05 North Range 08W in Rancho Roblar de la Miseria. Lat 38* 16.812 Long 122* 42.3111	COUNTY	Sonoma
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves on-going training of Rancho Adobe Fire District and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) personnel in the proper procedures of firing techniques to control wildland fires. The project area is 1 acre of grassland within the 3 acre Rancho Adobe Fire Station Number 3 property, west of Petaluma California. The project area is entirely within State Responsibility Area, is zoned as ranch land and used for grazing of cattle. CAL FIRE Type 3 engines, bulldozers and numerous local government engines will be used for the training burn and will be present for all burning activities.

The proposed 3 acres is entirely grazed grassland and surrounded by existing roads and dozer line. There is no threatened and endangered plant or animal species in the project area. No archaeological resources have been identified within the project area. All applicable burn permits issued from the Bay Area Quality Management District will be obtained prior to commencement of the project. Due to the ongoing nature of the project the Department will reassess the environmental conditions of the project five (5) years from June 1, 2012.

EXEMPTION STATUS

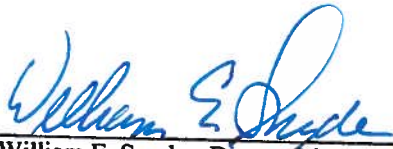
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (i)
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 4 §15304 (i) Minor Alterations to Land.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Headquarters (Attention Environmental Coordinator), 1199 Big Tree Road, St. Helena CA 94574.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director
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